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Fire on Dissette



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Firefighters battle a structure fire at Dominion Farm Produce on Dissette St. in Bradford, on Sunday, February 22.

➤ **BWG Fire & Emergency Services** were called to a fire on Dissette St., on Feb. 22.

Around 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, February 22, an employee at Dominion Farm Produce at 215 Dissette St. arrived at work to find thick black smoke pouring from the building.

Fire & Emergency services were called in to battle the structure fire, that kept Dissette St. closed to traffic,

in both directions, until just after midnight on Feb. 23.

Bradford West Gwillimbury firefighters arrived to find smoke billowing from the building they attempted to mount an interior attack, but when they opened a door, said Deputy Fire Chief Olaf Lamerz, "they were met by a lot of pressurized smoke

and heat," and heard the sounds of structural collapse, coming from the loading dock area.

Firefighters were pulled from the building, and mounted a "defensive" action from outside, pouring water onto the burning structure "from three high-flow apparatus," said Deputy

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Deal signed for 5th Line interchange

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has signed an agreement with the Province of Ontario, for the design, construction and funding of the new interchange at the 5th Line of BWG and Hwy. 400.

But the Town is less than delighted with the deal.

The province is limiting its financial contribution towards the \$54 million project to \$8.5 million, to be matched by federal funding. The remaining \$37 million will be the responsibility of the County of Simcoe (\$18 million), and the Town (\$13 million).

Although the Town's share will 100% be paid for by Development Charges and the Early Payment Agreement #3 signed with the Residential Developers group, Mayor Rob Keffer noted, "The province has negotiated very strongly, that they're not willing to accept any risks if there is any over-run... We're taking responsibility for traffic control, engineering, any land acquisitions. Basically, it's the Town that's going to be on the hook. It's unfortunate."

He suggested that the Province's contribution was particularly disappointing since, even without plans for the new interchange, the Ministry of Transportation would have had to

replace the 5th Line Bridge when it widened the 400 to add HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle) lanes.

"They want all of the oversight, and none of the responsibility," said Deputy Mayor James Leduc. Fortunately, a report by staff noted, none of the costs for the interchange at the 5th Line – designed to relieve traffic congestion at Hwy. 88, provide an alternate route for new residents at the south end of Bradford, spur development of the Hwy. 400 employment lands, and permit the eventual closure of the Canal Rd. ramps to the 400 – will fall on the taxpayers.

The Early Payment Agreement #3 includes a voluntary payment of \$1.9 million by the developers, to cover the "benefit to existing" residents – the 10% of the cost of new growth-related infrastructure generally assigned to taxes. But there are concerns over potential cost overruns in the huge project, which also includes realignment of both 5 Sideroad and Coffey Rd., and restoration of Fraser Creek in the northwest quadrant of the interchange.

"That does mean, disproportionately, that the Town pays," said Councillor Gary Baynes. The detailed design is currently 90% complete, and expected to be ready for the tendering process by March.

Intruder takes clothing from Bradford home

A Bradford couple received a rude awakening, just after 5 a.m. on Feb. 20. The family, on Registry Court, awoke to the sound of the front door closing. When they went downstairs, they saw a male suspect with a flashlight, on the street, checking cars. Police were called, but the suspect fled. It appeared that the suspect

went through the victim's car without stealing anything, but took some clothing from just inside the front door. The suspect is male, 18 to 20 years of age, wearing dark clothing, and a parka with white fur trim. Anyone with information is asked to call South Simcoe Police, 905-775-3311 or Crime Stoppers, 1-800-222-TIPS.

Crash sends two to hospital



Paul Novosad, Photographer

Just before 6 p.m. on Feb. 23, South Simcoe Police were called to a 2-vehicle collision at the intersection of 5 Sideroad and the 9th Line BWG. A westbound van collided with a northbound car, sending both vehicles into a field at the northwest corner of the intersection. Both drivers had to be extricated from their vehicles, by Fire & Emergency Services, and transported to Southlake Regional Health Centre by Paramedics. A 22 year old Severn woman, the driver of the van, was treated for serious but non-life-threatening injuries. A 68 year old Innisfil man, the driver of the car, was transported to a Toronto trauma centre, with serious but non-life-threatening injuries. Collision reconstructionists were on scene until 2 a.m., investigating the cause of the crash. Weather and alcohol have been ruled out. Anyone who witnessed the collision is asked to contact PC Paul Catling, 905-775-3311, ext. 2034.

Proposed tower sparks concerns

A number of concerned residents turned out for the Public Information Session, on February 18, to learn more about a proposed Communications Tower, at 758 Simcoe Road – the Bradford Alliance Church.

The church is willing to host the tower for Rogers Communications, but residents were worried about its proximity to residential homes on Kathryn Court and to St. Charles School, and about the tower's height and general appearance.

The proponent, Summit Teleco

munications Inc., acting on behalf of Rogers, is proposing a 40 metre flag-pole style tower.

A representative took down the concerns, with a promise to provide answers within the next 4 to 6 weeks. Caroline Murphy, BWG Planner, noted that the applicant doesn't need permission from the Town; it is Industry Canada that will make the decision, although the Ministry prefers to move forward with the support of the municipality and neighbouring residents, in making a decision.

Making voting more accessible

For the first time, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury provided assistive technology for persons with disabilities at a polling station during the 2014 Municipal Election.

A review of the success of the accessibility measures was presented

to Council on February 4, with a number of recommendations – including more promotion of the availability of the accessible options, in the 2018 election, to encourage their use by anyone who needs them.

The Town was encouraged to

continue with its "vote anywhere" polling, that allowed electors to cast their ballot at any of the polling places, and once again provide free transit on Voting Day – but also to consider telephone and internet voting, which would increase access.

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New approach to federal politics

The York-Simcoe Federal Liberal Association held its annual general meeting in Bradford, February 19 at Bradford United Church. Members not only elected a new executive, they heard from candidate, Dr. Shaun Tanaka, who will be challenging incumbent, Conservative MP Peter Van Loan in the 2015 election.

The meeting was all about a new approach to federal politics – and nostalgia for Canada as it was, before the Harper government.

"Back then, when a Premier called the Prime Minister, we returned the call," said newly-elected riding association president Scott Crone. "We were honouring commitments like Kyoto... We had a great reputation on the world stage."

Crone introduced Dr. Tanaka as "a candidate who wants to change the way we do politics," and provide a fresh perspective.

Shaun Tanaka spoke about one of the darker times in Canada's history, that impacted her own family, and shaped her interest in politics. As a child, her father lived with his family in a Slocan internment camp, for 5 years during World War II – one of about 22,000 Japanese-Canadians forced out of their homes and imprisoned, in one of the "ugliest examples of fear, suspicion and racism."

Japanese-Canadians were given a choice of deportation to Japan – a country that had not never seen – or internment in a camp.

"My father and his siblings were all born in Canada," Dr. Tanaka said; the family chose to stay, and waited 5 years in the camp "for the government to recognize their loyalty." After the war, having lost their home and business, they moved to Montreal, to "pick up the pieces" and start over.

Eventually, her father moved to

Mount Albert, where she grew up. Tanaka compared the hardships and the challenges faced to those of the pioneers, a "pioneering story of overcoming adversity, whether we came here 5 years ago or 500".

It was that background that led her into politics. "I know that freedom and fairness have to be maintained by each generation," in a world where the rule of

law is so fragile, she told the crowd. "Politics matter. The stakes are too high. We've got to get it right, if we do not want to repeat past mistakes."

Tanaka called for Canada to return to its role as

"peacekeepers, humanitarians, as champions of human rights... a change in direction, a change in tone, a change in ethics."

She urged residents to live up to the legacy of the pioneers, not only to preserve "the country they built for us, but... (to) leave a better country for our kids, than we received from our parents."

Also addressing the crowd, and bringing greetings from the Town, was Deputy Mayor James Leduc, with a strong message of co-operation.

"From my perspective, we need the federal government, regardless of party, to support our town," Leduc said.

"We need national leadership to repair and rebuild our infrastructure, take roads, bridges and highways. And we also need to invest in transit to make commuting easier. Whether it's more affordable housing for Seniors, or support for Industry and Agriculture, our new Town Council takes a collaborative approach, working with the County, Province and Federal Government. Collaboration is key."

Photo: Dr. Shaun Tanaka, right, professor at the University of Toronto, chats with Deputy Mayor James Leduc.



The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, located at 715 Simcoe Road, held its annual Pancake Breakfast on Shrove Tuesday, February 17 - an opportunity for members and the community at large to drop in, enjoy a breakfast of pancakes and sausages, raise money for causes that include Southlake Health Centre and Ronald McDonald House, and learn more about programs and activities.

letters to the editor

The other side of the story

To the editor: The January 22 edition of the Bradford Times carried a story about the Town of BWG's Operations department's inability to keep up with "the big storm." While I can admit that service levels were decreased briefly during that time, I want to highlight what few seem to recognize during "the big storm," and since:

The Town of BWG's Roads Dept. received undoubtedly numerous complaints about the service or lack thereof, regarding plowing the streets. I came home to neighbours furious, as they were snow-blowing their driveways. "Can you believe this?... What a joke... Why haven't they plowed our street yet? I could barely get up our road."

I looked out onto our street, to a scene that was almost apocalyptic – people waving their hands in the air and arguing. However, it was easy to see why our street had only been half-plowed: there was literally an abandoned vehicle on the road, and cars parked on both sides of the street.

How can residents expect service, if they simply are the root cause and literally the barricade to that service being delivered? I feel like it's often easier to complain about the snow at the end of our driveways, or take our frustrations from a rough commute home, out on the municipal services and the operators than it is to simply do what is necessary to get through a storm. We all live in an area that is known to receive dumps of snow, ice storms, extreme whiteouts – and sometimes, when we're really unlucky, all of those things and more, at once.

We need to take responsibility for our own actions. Get winter tires, leave earlier, dress appropriately, have an alternative plan if inclement weather should arrive – not blame and disrespect those who are trying their best at their jobs to clear the snow for us.

I have seen community members make

jokes about Town employees shovelling municipal building entryways; throw things at snowplows and sidewalk machines; yell at snowplow drivers; even threaten violence over snow pushed into their driveway. Let's not forget that it's that staff that starts work before 4:30 a.m. to get the sidewalks plowed for kids who walk to school, and work long shifts to maintain and improve road conditions, trying to keep up with the storms. These are the same people that on a Stat holiday can be on call – and without hesitation, leave their family gatherings and plans behind, in the event of bad weather.

Yes, this is their job – but they do all of those things just so that the rest of us can get to our planned gatherings and events, and spend time with our families.

The operators and employees of the Town often get a bad rap. I'd like to call attention to their hard work, dedication and commitment to making our town a safe place in which to live and prosper. Thank you to all the employees at the Town who go the extra mile, often to no acknowledgement.

Know that there are people who are appreciative and grateful for your work.

Emerson D. Vincent, Bradford

Great customer service

To the editor – A huge thank you goes out to the manager and staff of the 7-Eleven Store at 157 Holland St. East.

The manager's name is Roger Srikantharaja. He kindly spent 2 and a half hours to match our needs to the appropriate cell phone, and further orient a Deaf man, Bert, and his sister to the world of cell phones. We left with our two cell phones, loaded up SIM cards, and specific follow-up instructions.

Many thanks from us both. We'll be back, in the future.

Andrea Millward

Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute Workshop

The Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute presents a Workshop on Copper Tooling, led by Les Owen. Take home a beautiful "bas relief" of a rose, using copper foil, suitable for framing. The Workshop takes place Monday, March 9, at the Tec-We-Gwill WI Hall in Newton Robinson, 4380 - 10th Line BWG, at 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 for members, \$10 non-members. Pre-register by March 3; call Bonnie, 705-458-4555.

letters to the editor

Opposed to online voting

To the editor: With the talk of an upcoming federal election, we will again begin to hear a lot of proposals in favour of allowing on-line voting. I would like to put forward an opposing viewpoint.

It was a long, hard-fought struggle to achieve universal franchise and the secret ballot. When you propose voting on-line, you have to turn a blind eye to a lot of the inequities that still exist in our family dynamics. There are a lot of families out there with one dominant person who could very easily turn their one vote into two, three, four or five.

The family computer is not a voting booth and may not provide any privacy. We have young people who if they want to continue their education have to remain dependant on their parents and could feel obligated to vote the way they are expected to instead of the way they may want to. We also have many families with elderly relatives who may not be computer savvy and need assistance getting onto the website and cannot get to a polling station without assistance. That is not a secret ballot.

The protocols in effect at polling stations have been developed over time to prevent voting irregularities and undue influence, and the candidates have the right to have a scrutineer present at every step along

the way. None of those safeguards are present in private homes. There are also regulations in place to prevent campaigning and party colours and images being visible at voting places. None of these safeguards are present in private homes.

We live in an age where we are becoming increasingly more dependant on computer technology. Despite all the assurances we receive about on-line security, breaches continue to happen. If a person's identity can be compromised for financial gain or just the "thrill" these hackers seem to get by just being able to do it, what would make us think they wouldn't be working just as hard to compromise the voting system - if not to corrupt the voting the political system but just to say they did it.

We have probably one of the best voting systems in the world. A lot of people, especially our returning officers and deputy returning officers, work very hard and diligently to maintain the integrity of this system. If we adopt an on-line voting system, we throw out all the safeguards that have taken over a century to develop.

I would urge all those in positions to make these decisions, to think again about the question of on-line voting, and consider that we have to protect all sectors of our society and guarantee a universal, secret ballot for all.

Ruth Brooks, BWG

Youth Officer honoured



Submitted photo

From left, South Simcoe Police Chief Rick Beazley, Constable Rob Enwright with the Bud Knight award, and Staff Sgts. Lisa Hunt and Steve Wilson. PC Enwright is Youth Officer in South Simcoe high schools; the award is just one of many commendations and awards received by "Officer Rob."

South Simcoe Police Constable Rob Enwright has been presented with the Bud Knight Award, in recognition of his work with youth, at the COYO (Committee of Youth Officers) for the Province of Ontario convention.

The award was created in 1990 in recognition of the career of Herbert R. (Bud) Knight, an instructor at the Ontario Police College who created a Youth Officer Course at the OPC. Over the years, he exhibited outstanding dedication and commitment to training youth officers throughout Ontario, and was instrumental in creating COYO.

The award is now presented annually to an Ontario police officer who has demonstrated interest, commitment and dedication above and beyond the call of duty, and whose exemplary Youth Service delivery can be related to on-duty or community volunteer work.

Resident will Ontario Heritage Award

Life-long Bradford resident Bill Marks will receive the 2014 Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Lifetime Achievement this Friday, February 27, in a special ceremony at Queen's Park.

Marks is the former "Lead Hand" at the Bradford Post office, former Town Councillor and member of the Library Board, and long-time member of the BGV Local History Association. He was inducted into the "Wall of Honour" at Museum on the Boyne in New Tecumseth in 2011, and has continued to be active in the preservation of the area's heritage - most recently involved in the Auld Kirk heritage site.

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A new Snow Response program

The storm on December 11, 2014, dumped snow on Bradford West Gwillimbury over an extended period of time. Snowplows had to plow and re-plow major arterial roads, just to keep them passable – which meant that secondary and local roads were not cleared in a timely fashion.

The result: an avalanche of complaints from residents.

Those complaints led the Town to establish a "Snow Response Team," made up of representatives from Public Works, Communications, Customer Service and by-law Enforcement, and to develop new ways to keep the public updated.

In a "typical" snowstorm, Town standards call for plowing to begin on Primary or Arterial roads with a snowfall of 5 to 8 cm, to be completed within 6 to 12 hours after the snow has stopped.

Secondary and local priority roads are to be cleared within 12 to 16 hours, with a snowfall of 8 cm or more; local roads, within 16 to 24 hours – and sidewalks within 48 hours.

That information is now posted on the Town website, in a new Snow Info section. Residents can not only

call Public Works and Customer Service, or see the Snow Info Line at 905-778-2055, ex. 222 for basic information, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. during the week. They can also leave messages, regarding any roads that were "missed" by the plows, or where there is a need for a sander or sander.

During an "unusual" winter storm event – "something that is challenging our regular service levels," said Councillor Peter Ferragine, Officer Cathleen Chubine – updates on the location of the plows and any issues, will be provided on the Snow Info Line from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. during the week, and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekends. The information will also be updated on Facebook.com/TownBWG.

Councillor Peter Ferragine credited Town staff for coming up with the new system, noting that since the December 11 event, "I didn't get any calls" complaining about snow clearance.

"I don't know what expectations are, but I think we do a darned good job in this Town," said Councillor Gary Lamb.

Council setting new Strategic Priorities

Bradford West Gwillimbury's new Council participated in a Strategic Planning exercise, to update and "reset" the priorities of Council, over the coming term of Council.

Of the 30 strategic "actions" identified by the previous Council, 14 have been completed and 8 are underway, Councillors were told.

Eight – lobbying GO transit to improve service, developing a plan for a new Administration Centre, a plan for the Town's surplus facilities, improved signage for off-street parking, developing opportunities for Seniors' housing, coming up with a corporate customer service strategy, supporting a "Buy Local" campaign, and encouraging citizen involvement in Town activities – have not begun; Council was asked if they were still relevant, and worth pursuing.

Led by facilitator Carolyn Kearns, Councillors decided to keep the existing Vision statement, of Bradford West Gwillimbury as a "complete and healthy community where there are opportunities for everyone to contribute and to benefit," but updated the Mission Statement, to "create and facilitate opportunities to support the ambitions of residents and businesses in an effective and efficient manner".

The new Council, in a process that Mayor Rob Ketter described as collaborative and positive, identified 6 new Priorities, and 24 actions, as its goals:

1. Promoting sustainable job growth
2. Encouraging a range of housing that meets the needs of residents – in particular, housing for Seniors
3. Improving and expanding

recreational and cultural programs and services

4. Improving the Town's Infrastructure
5. Improving the Town's Transportation system
6. Providing Infrastructure that meets the Town's current and future needs
7. Effectively engaging residents and businesses in Town activities and programs

Of the 24 actions proposed, eleven were chosen as top priorities – including improving housing for an aging population, looking at future uses for the Bradford Community Centre, updating the Town's Economic Development Strategy – with a focus on attracting new businesses, engaging both residents and staff in economic development, identifying deficiencies in the current housing supply, and updating the Downtown Revitalization Plan.

Council will work to encourage the Hwy. 400 landowners to co-operate, to ensure the development of the 400 lands in a timely fashion – improving the Industrial/Commercial tax base, and relieving the tax burden on residential taxpayers.

Traffic concerns will be dealt with – not just on-street parking signs, but parking policy, streetlighting, timing of traffic lights, and other issues.

The Town will look at the acquisition of property needed for the future, and adopt an Asset Management Plan.

And there will be an effort to develop an "engagement strategy," to encourage residents and businesses to get involved in Town programs and activities.

At the Bradford Legion: St. Patrick's Dinner

Enjoy a **St. Patrick's Party - Newfie Style!** At the Bradford Legion, 115 Back St., on March 21, starting at 7 p.m. – a party organized by the Newfie Corner and Alice's Home-made. Includes dinner of Irish Stew in bread bowls and Caesar Salad, and dancing to DJ Bernie at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person, \$45 per couple, available at 905-775-6245 or 705-424-9378. Please purchase by March 5. Remember to wear green and gold!

Bruce Andrew Stewart, award-winning Elvis Tribute artist, will be appearing at the Bradford Legion on Saturday, April 18, for an "Elvis Show and Dance." Tickets are only \$15 per person; available at 905-775-6025. Doors will open at 7 p.m. For more information, see www.rockingwithelvis.com

Friday Night Social Night! Every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford, Culinary Arts Students of Bradford District High School serve up a feast for a moderate fee, followed by music and camaraderie. On the first Friday of the month, enjoy **Karaoke** with Bob Serran, starting at 8 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. No cover charge.

Wednesday nights are Cribbage Nights. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.; cost to play is \$5. All welcome.

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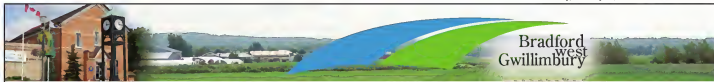
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The Lefroy-Belle Fwarg Legion is hosting a St. Patrick's Day event on Saturday, March 14, at 7 p.m. with entertainer Kent Tocher – the "One Man Band" Tickets are \$15 per person for the evening, which includes a light lunch. For tickets contact Chris Knowles, 705-431-5090.

Bond Head Lions' Community Dinner

The Bond Head & District Lions Club is hosting a Community Dinner & Social on Tuesday, March 10 – featuring a Smokin' Degré Louisiana-style Pulled Pork BBQ with all the fixings and for entertainment, Chris Hadfield's Space Flight and musical performances, presented by David Hadfield. At the Bond Head Community Hall, Social begins at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., and entertainment follows.

Tickets are \$15 each; call Brenda at 705-458-5111, Barry at 905-775-5634, or Peter, 905-775-4587. But hurry – only 100 seats are available!



TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members of the public are invited to attend all Council, Committee of the Whole and other Committee meetings. Meeting dates, times, and agendas are available from the Town's website at www.townofbwg.com.

For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Division.

Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole – Council Chambers, 425 Holland St. W.

- Tues. Mar 3 @ 7:00 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room

UPCOMING BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Municipal Heritage Committee
Mon. Mar 2 @ 6:30 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Rm., 425 Holland St. W

Accessibility Advisory Committee
Tues. Mar 10 @ 6:30 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Multipurpose Rm., 425 Holland St. W

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3. Operate a motorized snow vehicle upon any privately owned property without the express written permission of the owner of the property;
4. Operate a motorized snow vehicle on any Town parklands and properties;
5. Cross a serviced roadway except at an angle of approximately 90° to the direction of the serviced roadway;
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RFT #: T-15-29E
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For

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Tender documents may be obtained by registering for this opportunity on-line on the Town's Website as follows:

www.townofbwg.com/twmsrv/purch/compbidapp

RFP #: P-15-02
Request for Proposal
For

Engineering Services of Scanlon Avenue, Back Street, Rebecca Street & Buca Avenue

Closing: 2:00:00 pm Thursday March 12th, 2015

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RFP#: P-15-23
Request for Proposal
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Exciting news from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury!

Effective March 16, 2015, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Request for Tenders, Proposals, Quotations, Pre-Qualifications, Information and other solicitation documents will be advertised and available for electronic download from www.biddingo.com/townofbwg

We will continue with our current "Competitive Bids" portal at www.townofbwg.com until our launch on March 16, 2015. After such date, solicitation documents will no longer be available for download on the Town's website.

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Registration

February has been setting records, with its sub-zero temperatures and high winds. This is the first time in decades that the entire month has registered daily temperatures below zero.

Despite the snow, despite the deep chill, there are signs of spring: Registration has begun for summer

sports and programming at the BWG Leisure Centre!

The Bradford Soccer Club, Bradford Minor Softball, Ball Hockey, swimming lessons, tennis lessons, summer camps - now is the time to sign up.

Now is also the time to look at family options for March Break!

Get active for March Break

By **Majia Peters, Co-op Student**

March Break is coming up, when kids go crazy - and parents do too, wondering how to keep the kids busy and engaged. Why not look into the amazing workshops, programs, camps and festivals offered in and around the area?

The seasonal opportunities are at the **BWG Leisure Centre** - offering everything from Mystic Drums to Lego Workshops, to the hand-made day creators of Pook Designz! March Break Day Camps run from 9am-4pm; for just a few dollars more, you can arrange before or after camp care. See www.bwgleisurecentre.ca/camps for details!

If your child is a little bit older and too cool to go to camp, try a workshop! The Leisure Centre will be full of crafts, ceramics, fun factories and even St. John's Ambulance courses.

If none of these spark their interest, what about the March Break drama program offered by the Nottawasaga Resort Inn. Just outside of Alliston? During March Break, Monday is Theatre, Tuesday is Playwriting, and the rest of the week covers Improv, Singing and Production. It's only \$35 per day or \$150 for the entire week. If you would like to book a spot in this week of fun go to www.nottawasagarresort.com/event-calendar.html

Into adventure? Indulge at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto! The ROM offers Adventures, Alien Invaders, a Blast from the Past, Museum Mysteries, Museum 101 or Dungeons and Dragons. To get your child into one of these amazing day camps, visit www.rom.on.ca/en/activities-programs/kids-events/march-break. There are also drop-in programs, if you're just visiting for the day.

Are you the parent of a creative little butterfly? The Art Gallery of Ontario

(AGO) has programs for all ages. For the full schedule visit www.ago.net/march-break-art-camp-2015 or call 1-877-225-4246. Closer to home, check out the McMichael Canadian Art Collection, a gallery located just down County Rd. 27, in Kleinburg. The gallery offers a day camp, mini-camp, and an accessible workshop on March 21, for ages 7 and up, that explores the mysteries of melting ice! See www.mcmichael.com for details.

Maybe you want to spend time with the family this Break. Try the



Kortright Centre for a sticky delight! This year's Sugarbush Maple Syrup festival runs from February 28-April 6, with plenty of special events planned for March Break - including pancake breakfasts, horse-drawn wagon rides, and tours of the sugar bush. Check out www.kortright.org for details; admission is \$10 adults, \$6.50 for children and seniors,

plus \$4 parking. Kids under 4 get in for free.

If you're looking for maple syrup a little bit closer to home, look no further than Scanlon Creek. Scanlon is offering a day camp for kids during March Break that not only includes hikes, crafts and Aboriginal games, but an opportunity to make Maple Syrup, the pioneer way. Later in the month, there will be family tours of the sugar bush - an amazing opportunity to learn how to identify and tap the maple trees, make your own syrup - and enjoy it on a pancake or waffle!

For more information visit www.isrca.on.ca/education/scanlon. This March Break, get your child involved and engaged, rather than parked in front of the TV or computer. It can be an opportunity to give the whole family out and active!

Photo by Mark Wanzel - Connor, 6, made a marshmallow "Olaf" at a Simcoe County Museum day camp last year. See below for March Break.

March Break at the Simcoe County Museum

The Simcoe County Museum has a week full of fun, games and crafts during March Break, March 16-20 - including Day Camp from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a different theme each day: Cabinets & Curiosities March 16, Superstitions & Folklore on March

17, Canadian Winter Sports on March 18, Game On! an exploration of Arcade Games on March 19, and Call of the Wild, including a wolf howl, March 20. Pre-register online at museum.simcoe.ca for the full see **DAY CAMP PAGE 15**

Shining Faces, inspiring young minds



Bright classroom at Shining Faces Childcare & Learning Centre, filled with color and activities for preschoolers - opening in March. The new Centre, seen at the far right, will also have a fenced outdoor play area.

Ashley Borthwick and husband Neil are thrilled to be opening Shining Faces Childcare and Learning Centre in Bradford in March - offering Childcare and programming for kids "as young as 15 months, to 4 or 5 years old."

Located in a unit in the Summerlyn Plaza, 459 Holland St. West, the rooms are modern, clean, bright and light-filled, and stocked with child-sized furniture, toys and educational materials. Licensed by the Ministry of

Education, Shining Faces will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday, with day programming offered between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Borthwick is thrilled, because she sees the new facility as offering parents so much more than simply child-minding. "I wanted to do something different than what the parent choices are in Bradford," she says - something at a higher level.

For one thing, the food (morning

and afternoon snack, and a hot lunch) will be provided by Organic Kids Catering - not only nut-free, but organic. During the summer season, the menu will include produce fresh from a farm in Mississauga, brought in daily.

There is also a curriculum, with a focus on learning. "By that, I don't mean they're doing math equations," Borthwick laughs - but the pre-school program is "50% play, 50% academic," using a fun-based model and group activities to help kids learn skills as basic as pencil control, colours and numbers, and "lifestyle choices - like what goes in the garbage, what goes in recycling," in preparation for school.

"We have iPad labs in every classroom - an introduction to technology for them," Borthwick says, explaining that the iPads are not online, but are pre-loaded with Montessori games, that kids can explore for a limited amount of time each day.

Every child will have their own Learning Folder that parents, who are encouraged to be involved in their child's early education, can check for progress and improvement. The goal is to provide an environment that stimulates early learning, under the guidance of her ECE-trained

and certified staff.

And as a private Childcare facility owner, she has introduced something that has been eliminated in the public school system, but that is personally very important to her: Prayer.

"We say a thank-you prayer every morning, just to be grateful. We do a rhyming grace at lunch time. I think that it's important to learn to pray, and for the children to be grateful," she says.

It's not denominational. "We do acknowledge all the different cultural and religious holidays... We are not here teaching Sunday school. We are a multicultural society" - and most parents have been receptive.

Shining Faces has room for about 70 children, in its 4 classrooms - 2 rooms for toddlers, with up to 15 youngsters per room; and 2 for preschoolers - with plans to expand into after-school programming for older

children, starting in August.

"I was just dissatisfied with what was offered in Town," Borthwick says, describing her own experience. "I thought parents could be offered better food, better activities, and a curriculum."

So far, the response from parents has been very positive - and Borthwick is delighted.

From her website: "Shining Face's goal is to stimulate your child's cognitive, intellectual, gross and fine motor skills, through

sensory and play-based learning activities... developing your child's independence, self-confidence, social and physical skills."

For more information, see shiningfaces.ca, email info@shiningfaces.ca or call 905-551-3050. Shining FacesPreschool is also on Facebook.



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IT'S THE ARTS!

Holy Trinity Catholic High School Players present "You Can't Take That With You," February 26 and 27. Adults \$10, students and Seniors \$7; tickets available at the High School on Melbourne Drive, or call 905-775-4841. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., play begins at 7 p.m.

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg presents *Vanishing Ice: Alpine and Polar Landscapes in Art, 1775-2012*. This stunning exhibit weaves together science, history and art - focusing on the eyes of artists, writers and naturalists. At the McMichael until April 26; *Northern Narratives*, a

parallel exhibition from the McMichael's collection of aboriginal and non-aboriginal artwork, will be on display until May 17. The McMichael is located at 10365 Islington Ave. On March 28, 11:30 a.m., guest speaker Ryan Harris, senior underwater archaeologist with Parks Canada, will talk on the recent discovery of the Franklin Expedition ship, *The Erebus*.

VPAN's Three for the Show concert continues again at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 8 at The Newmarket Theatre with a concert by the ensemble "L'Accordeoniste", performing Latin Heat. The group includes mezzo-soprano Kimberly Barber, pianist Peter Tiefenbach, percussionist Carol

Bauman and accordionist Mary-Lou Vetter in an afternoon of improv, a variety of styles and genres. Tickets are \$26 for adults, \$20 for Seniors, \$10 students, from the Box Office, 905-963-5122.

House Concert with *Stephen Forcing*, member of the JUNO award-winning band *Blackie and the Rodeo Kings*, and solo recording artist, whose new album *Between Hurricanes* comes to the community concert place at "Peter & Marlene's House", 2226 Richard St. in Innisfil, Sunday, March 22, at 2 p.m. Minimum recommended "donation" per ticket is \$25 per person. To RSVP, call 705-436-3927 or email muscuspclose@rogers.com

To Light a Candle @ the Library

The Bradford Baha'i Community, in partnership with the Bradford Public Library, is hosting a screening of the documentary, "To Light a Candle", by Marziyeh Bahari this Friday, Feb. 27.

The documentary chronicles the lives of Baha'is in Iran, where they

are the country's largest religious minority. They have been persecuted because of their faith, and banned from teaching or studying at university.

To give young Baha'is the opportunity to pursue knowledge, 'The Baha'i Institute for Higher Education' was established in 1987, holding classes in homes, via mail correspondence, and online.

That hasn't stopped the Iranian government from raiding BIHE classes, and arresting both students and teachers. Hundreds of Baha'is have been jailed simply for teaching and studying.

To Light a Candle is described as a story of hope, and has sparked the global campaign, "Education is Not a Crime", calling for universal access to higher education.

February 27 is "Education is Not a Crime Day." The film will be screened at the Library, 425 Holland St. West, at 7 p.m. Bahari is an Iranian-Canadian journalist and filmmaker.

Not a Baha'i, he was inspired by the residence of the Baha'i Community in the face of ongoing persecution, to make the film and launch the Education is not a Crime campaign. For more information, see <http://educationisnotacrimemovie.com>

Art With Darlene - Art workshops for kids 6 to 10 years of age, at the Library on March 3, 10, 24 and 31 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$7 for all 4 weeks, or \$20 per week. Pre-register at the Library.

The Library is offering fun for families every day of **March Break**. On Monday, March 16 - Learn about Emergency Preparedness, at the 1 am Ready-We are Ready drop-in program, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Includes video presentations, coloring books, giveaways and more. Free! Bring your camera to take

a photo in a real Fire Truck. **Drop-in Crafts**, 10 a.m. to noon - Puzzle monsters, stained glass art, paper robots - free! And at 1:30 p.m., a free family movie, **Big Hero 6**.

Tuesday, March 17 - **Clay Workshop** to make your very own Monster Mug;

for ages 5 to 12; 10-11 a.m. Pre-register with \$13 fee. At 1:30 p.m., Big Kid Entertainment presents **Jack and the Giant** - a hilarious play, followed by Improv games.

For ages 4 and up; tickets are \$5 each, available at Borrower Services.

On Wednesday, March 18, **Drop-in Crafts** - make mini-dream catchers, balancing butterflies and geoboards, 10 a.m. to noon. Enjoy **Reading with Ronald McDonald** - a very special storytime at 1:30 p.m., especially geared towards kids ages 4 to 7, although all ages are welcomed. Tickets are free, available from Borrower Services. Space is limited!

Thursday, March 19 - **Clay Workshop** for ages 5 to 12: Create a clay Bunny Bank, 10-11 a.m. Pre-register with \$13 fee. From 1:30 to 3 p.m., LEGO builders are invited to come out and build free. From 3:30 to 5 p.m., there will be a **SpongeBob Party**, with games, crafts and activities, for ages 4 to 8; \$3 per child. Pre-register.

Friday, March 20 - Come to the **Drop-in Pajama Party**, 10 a.m. to noon - free, for all ages. Crafts, activities, stories and a cup of hot chocolate! The free family movie at 1:30 p.m. is **Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, Very Bad, No Good Day** (PG).

Youth Entrepreneurs Workshop Series, for Youth ages 13 to 19. Learn the power of entrepreneurship and what it takes to be successful, from building business and real estate expert Shanna McFarlane, April 17 - **Sales, Systems and Multiple Revenue Streams**. May 21 - **Building Your Business**. Each Workshop takes place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Register at the Library. For info, contact Shanna McFarlane at info@shannamcfarlane.com or 1-855-474-2662.

Photo: Madison, 4, makes a Canadian flag at the Library's Free Family Saturday, Feb. 21.



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Like father, like daughter

The Barrie Art Club is featuring a Father-Daughter Art show in March - highlighting the works of internationally-acclaimed artist Dr. Alex Husveti, founder of the Hungarian Visual Artists of Canada and Medallic Art Society of Canada; and his daughter Leonora Husveti-Frenette.

Husveti-Frenette started her career in performing arts, but in 2013 burst onto the local art scene, winning 2nd prize in the South Simcoe

Arts Council's visual arts competition. Since then, she has been featured in juried shows at Orillia's Museum of Art and History, Midland's Quest Gallery, the MacLaren Art Centre in Barrie, and Collingwood's Blue Mountain Foundation for the Arts. In 2014, she won the Alice Forestell Award, for Most Promising Emerging Artist.

The works of both artists will be featured at the Barrie Art Club Gallery, 304 Dunlop St. West in Barrie, during the month of March. Opening Reception will take place on

Sunday, March 1 from 1 to 3 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Dr. Husveti, whose work in the OMAH show Life and Limb was selected by Orillia Soldier's Memorial Hospital for their doctor recruitment campaign, and daughter Leonora Husveti-Frenette will be joined by guest Vicki McKenna.

At left, Leonora Husveti-Frenette with her work - a collage on display at Art Unique Gallery in Cookstown. Below, "Morning", a

work by Dr. Alex Husveti. Father and daughter are holding a joint show at the Barrie Art Club Gallery in March.



A celebration of Crafts, at the Museum

Simcoe County Arts & Crafts Association (SCACA) holds its 8th Annual Celebration of Arts & Crafts at the Simcoe County Museum on Saturday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is free at the Museum, located at 1151 Hwy. 26 just north of Barrie, to see demonstrations by practitioners of 19 arts and crafts, and enjoy an extensive Vendors' Market.

Crafts on display will include spinning, hand-weaving, rug-hooking, stained glass, hobbin lace-making, jewellery, leatherwork, Kumihimo braiding, bird carving by Jack Slade, Teddy Bears, and Pine Needle Coiling basketry. Visitors can enter to win door prizes.

This is the perfect time to sign up for classes, and talk with the artisans about their work and craft.

Beat the Winter Blahs this Saturday

Beat the Winter Blahs! There will be an Adult (19 and older) Dinner Dance and Silent Auction at Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church parish hall on Saturday, February 28. Tickets are \$35 each - a fundraiser for the Holy Trinity Catholic High School mission trip to Ecuador, planned for this April. Twenty students and 5 teacher-chaperones will be working with local villagers in Ecuador to build a school, a Me to We/Free the Children community project. Tickets are available at the High School at 100 Melbourne Drive, or call 905-775-4841 to RSVP. All are welcome to attend. Sponsors are also wanted.

Treasure Sale, Euchre Party at Bradford United Church

Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford, holds a "Treasure Sale" on Saturday morning, Feb. 28, from 8 to 11 a.m. - all purchases by donation - and a Euchre Party, 1:30-3:30 p.m., \$10 per person. All are welcome, to treasure-hunt or to play!

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"Protect Your Property Day"

The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police have launched their 2015 Crime Prevention Campaign, "Protect Your Property" - and declared February 25 as Protect Your Property Day. The campaign focuses on the broad range of crimes that impact Ontario residents and businesses, including online fraud, identification theft, and other cybercrimes; auto theft, break and enters, bullying, and elder abuse.

The OACP has produced a crime prevention booklet, now available through local police - thanks to partners

that include Accident Support Services International, CANASA Canadian Security Association, TitlePLUS Title Insurance, Humber College's School of Social and Community Services, Interact, the Ontario Lottery & Gaming Corporation, TRACE Identified and VIA Rail Canada.

Police say that while some types of property crime are down, such as break and enters, others - especially online identification theft and fraud - are increasing. And many of those crimes go unreported.

Scam Alerts... Online fraud

South Simcoe Police warn the public to be wary of scams.

Recently, a man selling a car on a local buy-and-sell website received a cheque from a prospective out-of-town buyer well in excess of the purchase price. He was instructed to cash the cheque and wire the excess funds to an overseas address. The victim realized it was a scam, and reported the attempted fraud to Police. The cheque turned out to be forged; the victim would have been defrauded of a substantial amount had he not been suspicious.

Use caution when selling items online. Avoid accepting cheques. Never use your own funds to reimburse anyone else's cheque. For more information, visit the Canadian anti-fraud website, at www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/english/index.html

South Simcoe Police also report an increase in the number of reported telephone frauds.

In one case, a woman is out almost \$3000, as a result of the "Grandparent Scam." A suspect telephoned the woman, pretending to be a police officer, and convinced the woman that her son had been arrested. She wired money to the "officer" to obtain bail for her son. In fact, her son had not been arrested - and police advise that NO police service will ever demand cash for bail, in Canada or elsewhere.

If you receive a phone call purporting to be from a "family member in trouble," confirm the information with other family members before acting on any request for money.

In another case, a man received a call pretending to be from a bank employee. He was told that he had won money, but his banking information was required to transfer the funds. Police advise that banks will never call and ask for personal information over the phone. NEVER give out your account number, credit card number or passwords; if you receive a call like this, simply hang up.

Fire at Dominion Produce

FIRE, from Page 1

Chief Lamerz. A total of 3 trucks from Bradford, one from King Twp., and one from the Town of Innisfil helped battle the blaze, while units from New Tecumseth and East Gwillimbury covered other fire calls.

The fire damage, said Lamerz, was "for the most part contained to the loading dock area, with some slight spread to the cold storage area." However, there was also extensive water and smoke damage, and likely loss of produce held in storage.

"At this point, the actual dollar amount is not known, but there does seem to be extensive damage," the Deputy Chief said. Heavy equipment was brought in to take down several walls, for safety and to allow access to fight the fire.

The Ontario Fire Marshal's office is investigating, and was on scene on Sunday, helping to direct the partial demolition. Investigation into the cause of the blaze is ongoing.

Deputy Chief Lamerz praised "not only the resources from our neighbours... but the commitment and dedication of Bradford West Gwillimbury Fire. A lot of them were here until midnight or 1 a.m." fighting the blaze.

Dominion Farm Produce is an important grower, packer and shipper of Holland Marsh produce, that has been in business

for over 50 years.

King Twp. Councillor and Marsh farmer Avia Eek expressed "heartfelt dismay" over the serious fire that destroyed part of the packing plant, but said, "It is my understanding that the operators of this packing house are assessing preliminary options at this time within the local vegetable industry, with a view to how they will be moving forward to fulfill existing contracts with buyers... Through a co-operative effort amongst other packers, to help Dominion Farmers meet their obligations as best as they are able to, it is my hope that the impact to this growing area will be minimal."

Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Bob Keffer said, "The agriculture industry is very important to the economy of Bradford West Gwillimbury. When an unfortunate event like the fire at Dominion Produce happens, it affects not just the company, but the growers who supply produce. As Mayor, I want to express my support for the company, farmers and workers. Our Town will provide whatever support we can. It will take a co-operative effort to move forward, but our community has a long history of helping one another."

He thanked "the great work of our Fire & Emergency workers, and the co-operation from our neighbouring municipalities," in fighting the blaze.

Impaired in collision, charges laid

On Feb. 19 at 6:45 p.m., South Simcoe Police were called to Holland St. W. at 10 Siderside, in Bradford, for a 2-car collision. When officers arrived on the scene, they found that one of the drivers was under the influence of alcohol. The 54 year old

Innisfil man was arrested, taken to hospital for treatment of minor injuries, and given a breath test at the hospital. He was charged with Impaired Driving and Over .080, and released with a March Court date. The other driver was not injured.

Snowmobiler injured on Lake Simcoe



Shot by Paul Novosad, Photographer

On Feb. 22, around 2 p.m., York Regional Police were called to a snowmobiling collision on Cook's Bay, Lake Simcoe, near the mouth of the Holland River, at the 13th Line of BWG. The snowmobiler, a 26 year old Georgianina man, apparently struck a pressure ridge and was thrown from his machine, suffering life-threatening injuries. An ORNGE air ambulance was unable to pick up the injured man due to weather conditions. Instead, he was transported by land ambulance to a trauma centre, where he remains. Any witnesses who have not yet spoken to police are asked to contact Collision Investigation at 1-866-876-5423 ext. 7704 or call Crime Stoppers, 1-800-222-TIPS.

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• **Provincial Awards** of \$5,000 each (45)

Primary producers/farmers, processors and agri-food organizations are eligible. A copy of the application form, and the Program Guidebook, are available at www.ontario.ca/agrifoodinnovation or call 1-877-424-1300.

Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. on April 10, 2015.

Reduce Your Horse's Environmental Hoofprint

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is hosting a free "Caring for Your Horse and Farm" Workshop on Saturday, March 14 in Beeton – to help horse-owners reduce their environmental "hoofprint."

The workshop will include making improvements to the farm such as installation of fencing along streams and wetlands, construction of new manure storage, building composting bins or planting windbreaks, and managing pasture, to help endangered bird species that include the Bobolink and Meadowlark.

Learn how to use the Horse Owner's Stewardship Guide to complete an

Environmental Assessment of your farm – identifying risks and opportunities – and creating an action plan, to improve manure storage and handling, pasture quality, wildlife habitat and stream protection. Stewardship staff will be on hand to assist with plans, project design and funding options.

The Workshop will take place at the Beeton Public Library, 42 Main St. West in Beeton, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 14. A light lunch is included. To sign up, contact Shannon Stephens at astephens@nvcva.on.ca or 705-424-1479 ext. 235. There are an estimated 58,000 horses within the Nottawasaga Valley watershed. An average horse produces 9 tons of manure every year!

Volunteer for Procyon Wildlife

Procyon Wildlife is holding a Volunteer Orientation session on Saturday, March 7 at 1 p.m., at the centre located near Beeton.

Procyon is a registered charity dedicated to rehabilitating orphaned and injured wildlife, and relies solely on volunteers. The Centre is currently looking for volunteers in: **Animal Care** – an opportunity to work hands-on with orphaned and injured wildlife. Volunteers are needed for 3 feeding shifts per day, 7 days a week. Procyon is looking for people who can commit to one shift per week.

Fundraising is now working on several events for 2015, and applying for grants, to support the ongoing operations at Procyon.

Program Development – help develop educational programs to benefit the community. **Site Improvement** – Procyon is always upgrading and expanding its facilities, and needs volunteers with or without construction experience.

Interested? Email Linda, Volunteer Co-ordinator, at volunteering@procyonwildlife.com

Fishing for Tyler!

When Innisfil youngster Tyler French was first diagnosed with Autism Spectrum

is now a teenager, and has made great strides in communicating and interacting with others, in part thanks to the funds raised through donations. He greeted some of the long-time ice anglers who came out to compete for prizes, for the longest Perch, Whitefish and Lake Trout, and posed with the winners.

There weren't many "trophy perch" pulled from the chilly waters of the lake on Saturday, but there were some good sized Lake Trout – including Joe Roberts' winner, which measured just under 32."

The derby attracted 80 anglers, and raised \$1,903.10 for the French family. Tyler, left, with Joel Roberts and the winning Lake Trout in the Derby.



The money raised from the one-day event on Lake Simcoe helped pay for behavioural, occupational and speech therapy for Tyler.

The 11th annual Fishing for Tyler ice fishing derby took place on February 21, at the park's boat launch. Tyler

There were Polar Bears in Innisfil



Taking the plunge at the Innisfil Community Events Corporation's annual Polar Bear Dip on Feb. 21 are Ethan Hanlan and grandmother Julie Lodelyck.

Innisfil Community Events Corporation (I.C.E. Corp.) called it a Polar Bear Dip. The Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation called it "Freezin' for a Reason."

It all came down to the same thing: brave (or foolhardy) souls willing to jump into the frigid waters of Lake Simcoe in the middle of February, to raise money for a cause.

The LSCF jumpers were raising money for conservation projects, environmental and educational programs within the Lake Simcoe watershed – and this year, appropriately, all came dressed as

penguins.

The I.C.E. Corp. Polar Bear Dippers came dressed as everything from hula dancers to Vikings, and raised money to purchase handicapped-accessible swings, for Innisfil's parks.

Approximately 30 participants took the plunge at Innisfil Beach Park on February 21 – including MP Patrick Brown, now seeking the leadership of the Provincial Progressive Conservative Party, and Innisfil Councillor Richard Simpson. Jumpers raised over \$5000 for the Conservation Foundation – and over \$1,700 to purchase the special swings.

Museum Day Camps for March Break

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week, or one or more days - \$23 per day for members, \$26 per day for non-members. Suitable for kids 6 to 12 years of age. Regular visitors to the Museum, located at 1151 Hwy. 26 north of Barrie, can visit the Interactive *Game Over?* Exhibit, which looks at video gaming in Simcoe County, and enjoy hands-on activities. Regular admission is only \$6 for adults, \$5 for Seniors and Students, \$4 for children.

March Break at the Elman Campbell Museum

The Elman W. Campbell Museum, 134 Main St. South in Newmarket, has a number of activities planned for March Break, from 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily, on a drop-in basis.

• March 17: 18 Creative Crafts, \$5.50 per person.

• March 19-21 Museum Mayhem, free! Children under 12 must be accompanied by a caregiver 16 or older. For information call 905-953-5314 or email elmanmuseum@rogers.com

Kids in the Kitchen, at Simply For Life

Simply For Life hosts a Kids' Cooking Class on Sunday, March 15 from noon to 1 p.m., at 157 Holland St. East - featuring nutritious fun foods that kids can make themselves! Please RSVP at 905-778-9998.

Maple Syrup March at Scanlon Creek CA

Spring into Scanlon!

Scanlon Creek Conservation Area is hosting a March Break Day Camp for kids 6 to 12 years of age, at Scanlon Creek CA, north of Bradford. Kids will play traditional aboriginal games and activities, take a forest exploration hike, participate in a Scavenger Hunt, and make Maple Syrup the old-fashioned way.

The Camp takes place March 17, 18 or 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day (drop off between 8:30-9 a.m.; pick up 4 - 5 p.m.). Cost is \$35 per child, for the one-day camp. Pre-register; contact k.brydger@srca.on.ca. Kids should bring a nut-free snack and lunch.

Also coming up: A Family Maple Syrup Program on weekends, March 21, 22, 28 and 29. Learn how to make maple syrup, the pioneer way! Outings take place 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., or 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Cost is only \$9 per adult, \$6 per child (free for kids 3 and under), and includes a waffle with fresh maple syrup! Pre-register.

Amazing Grace at the Tiffin Centre



Hawks that hunt co-operatively? That live in family groups called "caches," led by an alpha female? Welcome to the survival strategy of the Harris Hawk. Living in the harsh desert environment of Arizona and New Mexico, the Harris Hawk developed its co-operative hunting technique to catch speedy prey like the Roadrunner, says Linda Belcourt, falconer and member of the Huronia Land Conservancy. One hawk will start the pursuit; another will take over when the first hawk tires. Up to 9 hawks will live and hunt in a "cache" - and share the meal.

Belcourt brought her 4 year old Harris Hawk, "Grace", to the Tiffin Centre for Conservation on Family Day, February 16. She explained that the hawks have other adaptations for desert living. Cacti often provide the only perch in the barren landscape; the Harris Hawk has developed a "light touch" that allows it to land on prickly cacti without injury. They'll even land on top of each other, with up to 3 birds sharing the same "perch." Says Belcourt, "They're so adaptable!" The Tiffin Centre, 8195-8th Line, Essa Twp. is holding March Break Monday, March 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sugar Bush tour, Kicksledding, crafts and more, \$5.

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SOUL SURVIVORS: A Cancer Support Community meets at the 1st Wds. of the month at Trinity Anglican Church, 7:30 p.m. For cancer survivors and those currently experiencing cancer - a support group in a spiritual context, followed by a short contemplative service of healing. Contact Fr. Dan Grens, 905-775-2200.

AL-ANON: Meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Holy Marys of Japan Church basement, 167 Essa St. in Bradford. For information, www.al-anon.alateen.org, wso/al-anon.org or call 1-888-4AL-ANON.

WEEKLY BINGO: Inmisit Lions Club host a weekly bingo, Mondays, 5 p.m. doors open, 6-45 p.m. Bingo begins, at the Lions Hall on Inmisit Beach Rd., Alcona. Refreshments available. For info, call 705-436-1826.

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Parenting Workshops, Transitional Interpretation services, Information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com

BWG COMMUNITY MEAL: BWG Community Initiatives hosts a hot meal at 5:30 p.m. every Friday evening at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. All welcome - doors open at 5 p.m. Free.

ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH: 721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford. Fundraising perogies and antiques sale every Saturday only, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info, call the church 905-531-1651.

WRITERS' CIRCLE: BWG Writers' Circle now meets 7-9 p.m. on the 3rd Tues. of the month, at the New Bradford Library, 425 Holland St. W. All Writers welcome.

SUPPORT FOR DEPRESSION: Support group meets every Friday evening at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. Support for Depression meets 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. year round, providing an opportunity for those experiencing depression or who have experienced depression to share coping strategies in safe, non-judgmental surroundings assisted by empathetic facilitators. Organized by the Canadian Mental Health Association - completely anonymous. Enter the church through the Office Door, off Barrie St.

GRANDPARENTS, PARENTING AGAIN: Support group for grandparents with formal or informal custody of their grandchildren. Mondays at the Ontario Early Years Centre - Bradford satellite, 118 Barrie St., 1 to 3 p.m. Child-care available; call the centre at 905-775-3039 ext. 229 on the Friday before.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Meets at CHATS (Community & Home Assistance Services to Seniors), 448 Holland St. West in Bradford on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, at 10 a.m. An opportunity to get out, meet other caregivers, share stories and strategies, and find new ways to cope. Free, but register by calling Mary: 1-866-677-9048 ext. 6226 or email

Mterance@chats.on.ca

THURS., FEB. 26

GILFORD HALL AGM: Financial statement, grant announcement, and the election of a new Board, for a 3-year term. At the Gilford Community Hall, 257 Belle Lane in Gilford, 6:30 p.m. For information, call 705-456-1874 or email gilfordhall@yahoo.ca

FRI., FEB. 27

EDUCATION IS NOT A CRIME DAY: Screening of "To Light a Candle", a documentary by Maziar Bahari, about the persecution of the Baha'is in Iran. At the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, at 7 p.m.

SAT., FEB. 28

BEAT THE WINTER BLAHs FUNDRAISING DINNER & DANCE: A fundraiser for Holy Trinity Catholic High School's Team Ecuador mission trip to Quito, Ecuador. Tickets \$155, available at the High School, 100 Melbourne Drive, or call 905-775-4841. Includes dinner, dancing and a Silent Auction, at Holy Marys of Japan Parish Hall.

TREASURE SALE: At Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford, 8 to 11 a.m. Treasures donated by church members can be yours for a donation to the church! Rent a table to sell your own "treasures" for only \$15. Call 905-775-7265 to reserve a table.

EUCHE RE PARTY: At Bradford United Church, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. Refreshments, prizes, \$10 per person. All welcome for a social afternoon of cards.

FRI., MAR. 6

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2015: Service will take place at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 10 Sideroad and 8th Line BWG at 2 p.m., co-ordinated by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. This year's service was written by the women of The Bahamas.

SAT., MAR. 7

CNIB CURLING FUNSPICE: Beginner? Experienced? Curlier? The CNIB Curling Binspiel offers curling fun for everyone. At The Stroud Curl-

ing Club on Yonge St. in Innisfil, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$160 per Team, for 2 games, lunch, and prizes. A fundraiser for CNIB. Register online at www.eply.com/CNIBURLINGBINSPIEL. For information contact Jodie Hollett, 705-456-1874 or jodie.hollett.c21@sympatico.ca

INTERNET WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION AT THE PCCB: The Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford hosts its 10th Annual women-only (and girls) appreciation night, featuring dinner, dancing, entertainment and a fashion show by The Pink Closet. For tickets, call Tina, 905-775-4291, Paula 289-221-3278, Sara 905-775-4825 or Jean, 905-775-4723. The Centre is located at 767 Simcoe Rd.

ESSENTIAL OILS SEMINAR: Learn more about therapeutic grade essential oils, at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, in this all-day seminar, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Register at www.eventbrite.ca/march-madness-charge-of-your-health-tickets-1562349860. Hosted by Trisha Koski, Young Living Essential Oils.

SCA CELEBRATION OF ARTS & CRAFTS: 8th Annual celebration at the Simcoe County Museum, 1151 Hwy. 26 north of Barrie, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free, for a craft vendors' marketplace, and demonstrations by artists, artisans and crafters featuring 19 different crafts. A great time to explore a new hobby, and sign up for classes.

SUN., MAR. 8

LACCORDEONIST PERFORMS LATIN FATE: Concert in VPM's Three for the Show Concert Series, 2 p.m. at The Newmarket Theatre, mezzo-soprano Kimberly Barber, pianist Peter Tiefenbach, percussionist Carl Bauman, and accordionist Mary-Lou Vetere. Tickets \$26 adults, \$20 seniors, \$10 students - call the box office at 905-953-5122.

LENTEN FISH & CHIPS DINNERS: St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church, 56 Heam St. in Bond Head, hosts a Fish & Chips Dinner for Lent, 5 to 7 p.m. All welcome. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$7 children 12 and free for kids 6 and under, for breaded haddock, colewais, fries, veggie, roll, tea, coffee and dessert. Tickets at the door.

Bradford Ministerial Lenten Series

The Bradford Ministerial hosts a worship and preaching series, every Wednesday evening during Lent - an opportunity for Christians of different denominations to worship together during this holy time of year. Each church will host a service in their own tradition, and a visiting cleric from another Bradford church will preach a short sermon.

The first service was held February 25 at Bradford United Church, Rev. Kent Nielsen (Bradford Alliance Church) preaching.

March 4, at Holy Marys of Japan Catholic Church, at 8 p.m. The Rev. Paul Van Stralen, Springdale Christian Reformed Church, preaching.

March 11, St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite), at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Dr. Dan Scott, of St. John's Presbyterian Church, preaching.

March 18, St. John's Presbyterian Church, at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Jim Keenan, Bradford United Church, preaching.

March 25, Trinity Anglican Church in Bradford, 7:30 p.m. the Rev. Richard Bodini, Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church, preaching.

April 1 - Holy Week. Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m. The Rev. David Grens, Trinity Anglican Church, preaching. Lent, a time to renew lives through penitence, prayer, fasting, almsgiving and the reading and study of Scripture, culminates in Holy Week, leading up to Easter.

World Day of Prayer

The women of The Bahamas have written this year's World Day of Prayer service. In Bradford, this ecumenical gathering will take place at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 - 10 St. Friday, March 6 at 2 p.m. \$7 children 12 and under. Free for kids 6 and under, for breaded haddock, colewais, fries, veggie, roll, tea, coffee and dessert. Tickets at the door.

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Getting active!



Cycling enthusiast Nancy Bobala signed up early to participate in the Spin-athon at the BWG Leisure Centre - part of the "Mega-thon" fundraiser for the Heart & Stroke Foundation, on February 21, that also included a Walk-athon, and Yoga-thon.

Bobala issued a challenge to Town Council, to join her on the stationary bikes on Saturday morning, and raise money for Heart & Stroke.

Several members of Council accepted. Councillors Raj Sandhu and Gary Baynes, and Deputy Mayor James Leduc signed up for the Spin-athon, and cycled for the first half-hour of the 3-hour event.

Councillor Gary Lamb was unable to ride, but came by to lend his support.

He has a personal reason for supporting the Heart & Stroke Foundation. On June 15, 1986, at the age of 33, Lamb suffered a heart attack.

Feeling unwell, he had decided to stay home. "I was standing in the kitchen, and suddenly I wasn't in my body. I was standing, looking at myself," a sensation that Lamb, a pragmatist, still can't explain.

Lamb was "fighting" to get back into his body, when the phone rang. It was his wife Julie, who told him she was worried, and would be coming home to take him to the family doctor.

He remembers that he had no chest pain, no pain in his arm - "Just a jaw ache. It was like having 28 toothaches".

Rushed to hospital, Lamb ended up spending 9 days in care. In those days, the Newmarket hospital had no cardiologist. "Now they have a whole Cardio Centre," he says. "It's great that we have all these facilities."

Lamb recovered, with no damage to his heart. "I'm almost a 29 year survivor," he says, but he continues to monitor his health, and work towards maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

After all, with a career, a seat on Town Council, and the prospect of becoming a double-grandfather in 2015, he says, "I have reasons to live".

February is Heart & Stroke Month. The Mega-thon saw 55 residents sign up for the inaugural event, and raise \$1,977 for the Heart & Stroke Foundation's research and educational programs. Top fundraiser was Chris Dussiaume, who collected \$300 in pledges.

Top photo: Walkathon, around the track; **above right,** Nancy Bobala, Councillors Raj Sandhu and Gary Baynes take a spin for Heart; **right -** Yoga-thon, Feb. 21.



So close...



Action on the basketball court at Bradford District High School on February 24, as the Bradford Buccaneers Jr. Boys "AAA" team (in blue) took on Orillia's OD/Park Secondary.

The Georgian Bay Secondary Schools Association (GBSSA) Jr. Boys Basketball "AAA" championship took place in Bradford, on February 24 - hosted by the Bradford District High School Buccaneers. As last year's GBSSA champs, Bradford had home court advantage, welcoming the Jr. Boys from Orillia's OD/Park Secondary School in the final.

OD/Park trailed for the first half of the game, Bradford leading 23-14 at half-time. But OD/P was on fire in the final quarter - closing the gap, then taking a 3-point lead in the final minutes of play.

A Bradford 3-pointer tied the score at 36, and it looked like the game was headed into extra time - when OD/P #22 Hunter Murphy grabbed the ball, and made a final basket, with 3.5 seconds left on the clock.

It was a come-from behind win that left Bradford fans shocked, and the OD/P side cheering as they took the pennant.



Sports

Minor Atoms go on to OMHA Semi-Finals



Bradford Minor Atoms "A" Rep hockey team defeated the Barrie Colts Minor Atoms in the OMHA playdowns, to secure a berth in the Semi-Finals - and were congratulated by (at the back) Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffer, and Councillors Ron Orr and Gary Baynes, after winning the series against Barrie on Feb. 19.

Bradford - In a closely-matched Quarter-Final Series against the Barrie Colts, Bradford's Minor Atom "A" Rep team took the series in 4 games - winning their final game on home ice on February 19, to secure a spot in the OMHA Semi-Final.

Game 1, Bradford - 5, Barrie - 2, at the Barrie Molson Centre. Scoring by Gavin Rocha with a pair, singles by Aidan Kapralik, Matthew Carvalho, and Dylan Woodcock, on assists from Spencer Natale, Tristan Marques, Kapralik and Rocha.

Game 2, Barrie - 4, Bradford - 2. Goals by Justin Dias and Matthew Carvalho, from Riley Gainer, Julia Mumford, Aidan Kapralik and Dylan Woodcock.

Game 3, Bradford - 3, Barrie - 2, in a close match. Scoring by Aidan Kapralik, Gavin Rocha and Brayden Fikkin, from Jax Wismer, Julia Mumford, Riley Gainer and Kapralik.

Game 4 was held at the BWG Leisure Centre, and in an amazing show of support, the Centre was filled with fans, including Mayor Rob Keffer, and Councillors Ron Orr and Gary Baynes. The hometown support cheered on the Bulldogs to a thrilling 2-1 win. In overtime, eliminating Barrie from the OMHA Playdowns. Great goaltending by Evan Robins and Daniel Natale, and goals by Matthew

Carvalho from Philippe Harie and Jack Reid; and with the OT game-winner, Lucas Wehby, assisted by Reid and Dylan Woodcock.

"BWG Council is proud of the amazing teamwork shown by the Minor Atom A Team in their advancement to the OMHA Semi-Finals," said Mayor Keffer. "Congratulations on all of your hard work, and good luck in your future games."

The Minor Atoms, all 9 and 10 years, have worked hard under head coach Cerrone Natale, assistant coaches Rob Wismer and John Reilly, trainers Mike Whiteside and Chris Kapralik - an incredible group of volunteers, who have taught the team about hockey, friendship, dedication, sportsmanship, and what teamwork means.

The Bulldogs go on to play the Uxbridge Stars in the Semi-Finals in a series that starts at the BWG Leisure Centre on February 26 at 7 p.m.

Note: Bradford Minor Midget "A" Rep team has also advanced to the OMHA Semi-Finals, and will play Game 1 vs. Cobourg on Saturday, February 28 at the BWG Leisure Centre Green Rink, starting at 7 p.m.

BWGMHA Local League hockey action

ATOM 1L Playoffs Round 1

Feb. 5, Bradford Atom #2 - 4, Bradford Atom #3 - 1. Bradford #2 scoring by Christian Flynn with a pair, singles by Kyle Lomas and Michael Flynn, on assists from C. Flynn, Matthew Sirac and Gabriel Doyle. Bradford #3 goal by Colton Graham.

Feb. 8, Bradford #2 - 9, Bradford #3 - 2. Bradford #3 goals by Grayson Coburn and Colton Graham, with assists from Carter Haddon, Anthony Saracino and Sophia Steam. Bradford #2 scoring by Kyle Lomas and Matthew Sirac with a pair apiece, singles by Christian Flynn, Anthony Molla, Braeden McLean, Michael Flynn and Aadi Patel.

Helpers to McLean (2), Ethan McComb (2), Christian Dantas, Christian Flynn.

Feb. 10, Bradford #2 - 3, Bradford #3 - 1. Bradford #2 goals by Christian Dantas, and Anthony Molla with 2, from Dantas and Kyle Lomas. Bradford #3 goal by Alex Semiao, from Emily Lavigne. Bradford #2 Local League Atoms go to Round 2 of the playoffs.

ATOM SELECT

Feb. 15, Aurora Tigers - 6, Bradford Selects - 5 in a close match, with awesome goaltending by Christian Sulligan. Markers by Frank Pirritano with a pair, singles by Jacob Sim, Colton Graham and Matthew Sirac, on assists from Sirac, Sim, Kyle Lomas and Alex Semiao.



GBSSA Playoffs

Bradford District High School's Senior Girls Volleyball team were defeated by the St. Joseph Jaguars on Feb. 12 (in photos), but the Jr. Girls AAA Team won their playoff match - advancing to the Final vs. ODP Park Secondary. Feb. 25 in Orillia.



Pan Am Games Torch Relay

The route of the Toronto 2015 Pan American-Para Pan American Games torch relay has now been announced - and Bradford West Gwillimbury will be hosting a Community Celebration to welcome the Torch on Friday, June 26, Day 27 of the 41-day Relay.

The Relay begins at the Pyramid of the Sun in Teotihuacan, Mexico, where the flame will be lit in a traditional Aztec ceremony. The torch will land in Canada on May 30, in Toronto - the start of its journey through more than 130 Ontario communities, 9 Canadian Forces bases, 5 historic sites, and 5 First Nations communities, until the Pan Am Games' Opening Ceremonies on July 10.

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Bowling for Kids Sake. Dates in 2015 include Feb. 28 in Newmarket - and Sunday, March 29 in Bradford, at the Bradford Underground Bowl (formerly Bradford Bowl). See bigbrothersbigisters.ca or call the Bowling Hotline at 905-722-2149 ext. 324.

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DUTKO, Janet (Jan) Elizabeth - Peacefully passed away at Oak Terrace Long Term Care, Orillia on Thursday, February 19, 2015. Jan Dutko (nee Cooney) of the Holland Marsh at 82 years of age. Beloved wife of the late Peter Dutko. Dear sister of Irene (late Manley "Frendy") Bolyea. Dear sister-in-law of Tess Melnyk. Jan will be fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Friends called at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, Bradford for visitation on Monday, February 23, 2015 from 12:30 p.m. until the time of a funeral service held in the Chapel at 1:30 p.m. Interment Holy Marys Cemetery, Bradford.

JACKSON, William Charles (Bill) - Passed away at the Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket on Sunday, February 22nd, 2014. Bill Jackson of Barrie in his 67th year was the beloved husband of Darlene. Dear father of David & his wife Tammy of Bradford and Michael & his wife Heather of Barrie. Loving grandfather of Jessica, Brynden, Aaron & Julia and Madison & Ethan. Son of Dorothy Jackson of Barrie and the late Ed Jackson. Brother of Evelyn & Margaret. He was buried in Ploverside. Pre-deceased by his sister Sandra Culbert and by his brother Murray. Also survived by his brother-in-law Bill Culbert & his wife Jackie, sister-in-law Bonnie Jackson all of Barrie and by his 8 nieces and nephews. Friends may call at the **JENNETT FUNERAL & CREMATION CENTRE**, 152 Bradford Street in Barrie on Wednesday from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. A funeral service will be held in the Chapel on Thursday, February 26th at 11:00 a.m. Spring Interment Sixth Line Cemetery, Innisfil. As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation (CCU), Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre Foundation or to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family by visiting www.funeralhome.on.ca

App for emergencies: Code 4 Armour

Code 4: It's the code that stands for "emergency," and tells paramedics to respond with lights flashing and sirens blaring. That's why it's part of the name of Mark Litman's new wristband and app, **Code 4 Armour**, that can provide all of the wearer's medical history, information on allergies, current drug prescriptions, Do Not Resuscitate orders, Organ donation card info, and emergency contacts, with the tap of a smartphone or tablet.

The app fills a vital role, when the wearer is incapacitated and can't talk to responders, or when bystanders may not have the information needed.

Litman, a paramedic with both Simcoe County and York Region EMS, has been in those situations. Sometimes the patient is in fact wearing a Medic Alert bracelet, or an alert band that relies on a central dispatch system, he notes. "When paramedics come on scene, we don't have a lot of time to call Medic Alert, and write down the information." The responders can be too busy providing life-saving treatment.

With just about everything showing up as an app, and available on online or via wireless, Litman wondered why there wasn't a way to gather the medical information, keep it secure and encrypted - and make it instantly available in an emergency situation.

He developed **Code 4 Armour**. It's a two-part system, consisting of a wearable

waterproof, shockproof wristband that contains the medical information - and the app, that allows registered users, such as police, fire and EMS, to access the data.

Privacy is a huge issue, Litman agrees. The customer can choose to what degree the information will be public or private, and whether it will be provided by voice, or text. The information on a screen is displayed for a maximum of 10 minutes only, with no screen capture possible.

Code 4 Armour is currently compatible with Apple and Android products, "and we're going to be BlackBerry within 8 weeks," he says.

The company was launched on December 1, out of its head office in Markham, and is now reaching out to consumers.

Code 4 Armour set up a booth at the Community & Home Assistance To Seniors Walk for Wellness, held at Upper Canada Mall on February 8, offering anyone who made a \$100 pledge to **CHATS** a free wristband, and a free \$300 subscription.

The regular cost is \$20 for the band, and \$4 a month for the subscription. "It's very reasonable," Litman says, for something that could save a life.

For details, see www.code4armour.com
Photo: Paramedic Mark Litman, right, and Bosco Fan, with Code 4 Armour display at Upper Canada Mall, Feb. 8.

Measles outbreak requires precautions

As of February 18, Ontario had recorded 14 cases of measles - 9 in the GTA, including one case in York Region. The numbers were alarming to health officials, since there was no apparent link between the cases, suggesting that there is an undiagnosed source of the virus.

Measles tends to be relatively rare in Canada, thanks to high immunization rates - but can spread, when immunization rates break down. In the U.S., a multi-state outbreak of measles began in December at a Disney theme park in California. In 2014, there were 664 cases reported in the U.S.; the normal average is 60 cases per year.

Measles is highly contagious, causing a blotchy red rash, fever, inflamed eyes, runny nose, cough, sore throat, small white spots on the inside of the mouth, and in rare cases, pneumonia, encephalitis, even death. Symptoms generally appear 10 to 14 days after exposure.

The vaccine, given in two doses, is considered to be 95% effective - but anyone who has not been vaccinated, or has never had the illness, is at risk. The first dose of the vaccine is generally given at 12 months of age, which means that children under 1 year of age are susceptible, making it all the more important for those around them to be vaccinated.

Anyone who develops symptoms of measles, especially after travel abroad, should contact a health provider. Describe your symptoms over the phone, rather than walking into a health

clinic or doctor's office, to avoid potentially exposing others to the disease.

Laboratory testing has shown that in Quebec, at least 10 cases of measles were linked to the U.S. outbreak, as a result of travel. However, genetic testing of the measles strain circulating in the GTA suggests that it is unrelated to the strain in the U.S., but is a mutation of a new strain of the disease recently found in Europe. Health experts now feel that an undiagnosed patient brought the strain from Europe to the Toronto area.

The outbreak in the US has been blamed in part on the refusal of some parents to have their children vaccinated, fearing a link between the Measles/Mumps/Rubella vaccine and Autism. That link was claimed in a 1998 article by Dr. Andrew Wakefield, in the British Journal, "The Lancet." Wakefield's research results were subsequently found to have been "deliberately falsified," and the article was termed "fraudulent." None of the large-scale epidemiological studies conducted since its publication were able to duplicate Wakefield's results. The Lancet retracted the article, and in 2010 Wakefield was struck off the British medical register.

Wakefield's article has been called "the most damaging medical hoax of the last 100 years."

Measles vaccine use began in 1970. Persons born before that date are assumed to have contracted the disease. Anyone with concerns should contact a health care expert.

Longer visiting hours at Southlake Regional

Southlake Regional Health Centre is extending its visiting hours. Family and friends will now be able to visit with loved ones from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. - and care partners may stay overnight, based on a patient's request.

The changes were a result of consultation among patients, staff and the community. "We really value our patients here at Southlake and we know that their families and caregivers play a crucial role in their care and recovery," says Annette Jones, Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President of Clinical Experiences.

Driven To Quit challenge

The Canadian Cancer Society Drive To Quit Challenge takes place during the month of March - challenging smokers to quit, for the opportunity to win a brand-new Nissan car, a Toyota Corolla, or a Scion car or one of 7 million prizes of \$1000. Participants must be age 19 or older, sign up by February 28, and remain smoke-free for the entire month of March. Sign up at DrivenToQuit.ca or call 1-877-513-5333. Support and Quit-smoking aids are available.

Shake Your Boobies for Toronto 2015 OneWalk

Joe Mama 2, a team entered in this year's Shoppers Drug Mart One Walk to Conquer Cancer, hosts its 6th Annual Shake Your Boobies for All Cancers dinner & dance at the Portuguese Cultural Centre, Saturday, March 28, the evening includes cocktails at 6, dinner at 7 p.m., a Silent Auction, and lots of food, fun, prizes and dancing. Tickets are \$35 per person, and the event always sells out. For tickets, call Alison at 905-960-3454 or Sara, 905-836-1323. To sponsor any of the walkers, or team Joe Mama 2, visit the Toronto 2015 One Walk to Conquer Cancer website, t015.onewalk.ca



Int'l Women's Day

The Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, 767 Simcoe Rd., hosts its 10th annual International Women's Day celebration on Sat. March 7 - dinner, fashion show by The Pink Closet, and dancing, for women & girls. For tickets, call Tina 905-775-4291, Paula 289-221-3278, Sara 905-775-4825 or Jean, 905-716-4723. Photo: Sophia Jeff, and Madison, both 4 at the PCCE's Valentine's Dance.

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